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**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Indiana Division

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Mr. Karl Browning  
Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
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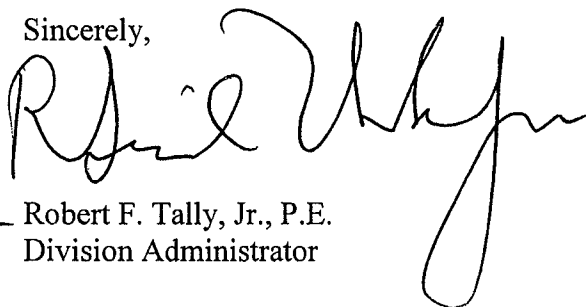
Dear Mr. Browning:

The Federal Highway Administration has reviewed the enclosed INDOT procedures for the "Architectural and Engineering Firm Selection Process for Local Public Agencies" dated March 30, 2007. This is our official approval as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulations part 172.

We would like to thank INDOT and the various Local Public Agency (LPA) representatives for their leadership and contributions in developing the selection procedure. The next step will be collaborating with INDOT to develop a quality control and quality assurance system to ensure that the process is working well.

As we move ahead to make Indiana's transportation system among the best in the country, we will work with INDOT and the LPAs to incorporate this procedure into a larger program for guiding LPA stewardship of federal funds. Our office is currently working with John Weaver and his staff to develop the LPA-POC Manual (LPA-Planning Oversight Committee), which deals with project selection and early notification regarding federal requirements, and the "Local Programs Reference Resource Guide", which will provide more details regarding the federal project development process and requirements subsequent to project selection. In addition, we will be supporting John Morton as he completes the master "Project Coordination Contract" between INDOT and LPAs, so that we are providing clear direction as early in the project development process as possible. We will be meeting with INDOT representatives to further consider an overall LPA stewardship program on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

  
For Robert F. Tally, Jr., P.E.  
Division Administrator

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